

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 28, 2004**. Cotton harvesting is all but complete with the exception of a few cotton fields, including those that farmers were unable to harvest due to damage from heavy rains and saturated soils. Rainfall throughout the week affected wheat planting, but the precipitation benefitted the wheat already planted. Winter forage growth has been ideal due to the warm temperatures and frequent rains. Livestock have begun to graze on the early-planted ryegrass pastures. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 37 percent adequate and 62 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2003	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	100	97	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	97	91	100	100	1	4	32	56	7
	Emerged	90	72	100	83					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	96	92	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						4	12	19	46	19

### County Agent Comments

"Rain is keeping growers out of the field. Most all crops have been harvested. Gins still have a lot of cotton to pick up and gin."

— Don Respons, Bolivar

"The 4-6 inches of rain Tuesday night stopped everything. We still have a little cotton to get out and about half of the stalks to cut."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"Fall field preparation has been delayed due to rainfall."

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

"Soil moisture is adequate, and everyone has completed fieldwork until 2005."

— Robert Martin, Sharkey

"The crops are in and producers are deer hunting."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

"There are still a few fields of cotton not harvested in one part of the area. It appears they will remain unharvested since rains are coming more frequently and fields are getting very soft."

— Ernest Flint, Attala

"There are some areas where cotton is still in the field and probably will remain there since the rains have arrived! Fields are very soft and slushy!"

— Kay Emmons, Montgomery

"Rainfall has started to saturate winter forage fields and pastures. Warm temperatures have promoted lush growth of all winter forages, especially where nitrate fertilizers were applied."

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rains last week ended sweetpotato harvesting for 2004. We were lucky to get most of the late-planted crop out.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“November has been a wet month with over 5.5 inches of rain received. All row crops have been harvested, and yields were good. Pastures are still green since a killing frost has not yet occurred. Livestock are in good condition. Blast has taken out some ryegrass fields.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

## **This will be the last Weekly Crop Report for 2004**

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# Weather Summary from November 22, 2004 to November 28, 2004 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				49		4.00	+2.55	4	7.33				
Cleveland	67	36	56	50	+6	2.62	+1.18	5	5.45				
Tunica	69	35	53	49	+4	1.81	+0.47	6	7.95				
Extreme/Average	69	35	55	50	+5	2.81	+1.41	5	6.91				
2. North-Central													
Hickory Flat	69	29	52	47	+5	4.04	+2.60	6	5.97				
Calhoun City	69	31	53	49	+4	5.72	+4.46	6	7.40				
Independence	67	29	52	48	+4	2.73	+1.48	5	5.59				
Oxford				48		3.74	+2.37	6	5.68				
Extreme/Average	69	29	52	49	+3	4.06	+2.72	6	6.16				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	67	36	53	48	+5	4.02	+2.58	4	5.39				
Iuka	67	27	50	46	+4	4.54	+3.04	5	5.96				
Ripley	68	29	51	47	+4	4.02	+2.55	5	6.23				
Tupelo	70	35	57			5.04		5	6.27				
Verona	72	37	57	49	+8	5.14	+3.89	5	6.68				
Extreme/Average	72	27	54	49	+5	4.55	+3.15	5	6.11				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	79	40	57	51	+6	4.63	+3.30	6	8.56				
Rolling Fork	77	38	58	51	+7	3.42	+2.23	5	8.10	67			32
Stoneville	72	37	56	50	+6	5.20	+3.87	5	9.46	64	49		61
Yazoo City	76	37	57	52	+5	4.64	+3.36	6	8.16				
Extreme/Average	79	37	57	52	+5	4.47	+3.14	6	8.57	67	49		46
5. Central													
Canton	79	34	57	52	+5	3.61	+2.33	6	6.91				
Carthage	77	31	60	51	+9	4.32	+3.00	5	7.37				
Lexington	76	31	55	51	+4	3.87	+2.53	6	7.35				
Eupora	70	30	54	49	+5	4.45	+3.12	6	6.60				
Extreme/Average	79	30	56	51	+5	4.06	+2.73	6	7.06				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	70	34	54	49	+5	8.32	+7.13	4	10.22				
Houston	68	30	52	48	+4	5.23	+3.85	5	6.79				
Louisville				51		3.75	+2.52	5	6.17				
State University	78	31	55	51	+4	4.83	+3.65	6	7.40	65	52	59	0.06
Extreme/Average	78	30	54	51	+3	5.53	+4.27	5	7.65	65	52	59	0.06
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	78	34	59	54	+5	3.19	+1.96	4	7.41	74	39		61
Natchez	78	35	58	55	+3	5.84	+4.44	5	10.24				
Oakley				52		3.84	+2.58	5	7.87				
Vicksburg	78	37	58			4.75		5	8.88				
Extreme/Average	78	34	58	54	+4	4.41	+3.12	5	8.60	74	39		61
8. South-Central													
Collins	79	34	59	54	+5	2.21	+1.02	6	7.95				
Columbia	80	36	61	54	+7	2.38	+1.12	5	7.31				
Tylertown	77	34	59	56	+3	2.21	+1.02	5	8.71				
Extreme/Average	80	34	59	54	+5	2.27	+1.01	5	7.99				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	81	31	60			5.11		4	9.71				
Hattiesburg	79	33	59	55	+4	2.29	+1.02	3	6.19				
Laurel	80	34	59	53	+6	2.88	+1.69	6	7.46				
Newton	81	26	56	51	+5	3.82	+2.56	4	6.65	70	52	61	0.10
Extreme/Average	81	26	59	54	+5	3.53	+2.29	4	7.50	70	52	61	0.10
10. Coastal													
Gulfport				58		1.32	+0.11	2	6.94				
Poplarville				56		2.00	+0.81	2	6.68				
Waveland	81	38	63	56	+7	1.74	+0.49	4	4.67				
Extreme/Average	81	38	63	57	+6	1.53	+0.27	3	5.81				
State	81	26	57	52	+5	3.84	+2.54	5	7.34	74	39	57	0.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.